

(b) and (c) DDT continues to be used in selective manner for indoor spray operations for vector control under National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) in the rural areas.

For prevention and control of Malaria, a mix of interventions like use of newer insecticides namely Synthetic Pyrethroid, Biolarvicides and Medicated Mosquito Nets have been contemplated under the National Malaria Eradication Programme.

National Family Welfare Programme

128. SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Family Welfare Programme is a cent-per cent Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) whether the Union Government is yet to reimburse a sum of Rs. 64.63 crore to the Government of Uttar Pradesh released by the State Government from its own resources for the implementation of the said scheme in the State; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay to reimburse the said amount to the State Government and the action taken by the Union Government to reimburse the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per records of this Department an amount of Rs. 150.93 crores is reimbursable to Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The amount budgeted for liquidation of arrears during 1997-98 has already been released. The Ministry of Finance has since been approached for additional funds for the purpose.

Pooyamkutty Power Project

129. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposed Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Power Project in Kerala has been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The Pooyamkutty Hydroelectric Project in Kerala (2×120 MW) was accorded techno-economic

clearance by Central Electricity Authority in 1984 at an estimated cost of Rs. 250 crores.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Gulf Returnees

130. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :

SHRI G.M. BANATWALA :

SHRI A.C. JOS :

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

SHRI MADAN PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian immigrants have recently been ordered by some of the gulf (Middle-East) countries to leave;

(b) if so, their number, country-wise:

(c) the reasons for which they were ordered to leave the countries ;

(d) the arrangements made to bring them back to India; and

(e) the arrangements made for rehabilitation of these Gulf returnees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI) :

(a) to (c) Some of the Gulf countries recently announced amnesty enabling foreign nationals, including Indian nationals who were staying illegally in those countries to leave the concerned country without paying penalties for their illegal stay. According to the information available with the Government, approximately sixty thousand Indian nationals left the UAE under the amnesty. The number of Indians who left Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are not available. However, 42000 Indian nationals were issued travel documents (Emergency Certificates) by our mission in Riyadh and the consulate General in Jeddah. In Bahrain 2773 Emergency Certificates were issued by our Mission.

(d) The arrangements made to bring such persons back to India included issue of travel documents (Emergency Certificates), servicing of passports if already held by them, liaison with local authorities by our missions to expedite the essential formalities, coordination with airlines to create additional seating capacity in the Gulf-India sector, special counters in the missions to guide and assist the Indians availing of the amnesty, provision of water, food and medicines to the affected Indians pending completion of the required formalities, liaison with the passenger liner services with a view to ensuring that humane conditions existed for